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HEADS OF DEL DISCUSSED DRAFT N/S DECLARATION REPORTED
REFTEL MORNING OF JUNE 16. SECRETARY GENERAL WILL MAKE
FURTHER REDRAFT BASED ON COMMENTS AT THIS MEETING,
AND THIS WILL PROBABLY BE DISCUSSED JUNE 17. KEY
ISSUES ARISING IN DISCUSSION WERE AS FOLLOWS:

1. DECLARATION OR PART OF COMMUNIQUE: JAPAN SAID IT
COULD ACCEPT DECLARATION, BUT SEVERAL OTHER DELS
INDICATED TENDENCY TO FAVOR COMMUNIQUE, ALTHOUGH ALL
ADMITTED THIS WAS BASICALLY POLITICAL QUESTION TO BE
DECIDED BY MINISTERS THEMSELVES, AND WOULD DEPEND TO
GREAT EXTENT ON AMOUNT OF SUBSTANCE THAT COULD BE IN-
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CLUDED IN TEXT. U.S. DEL SAID U.S. HAD TAKEN NO
DECISION YET, BUT ARGUED THAT WHATEVER THE OUTCOME ON
THIS POINT, THE DRAFT DECLARATION SHOULD BE USED AS
A TOOL TO HELP FOCUS MINISTERS DISCUSSION JUNE 23.
THIS RECEIVED SOME SUPPORT.

2. ENDORSEMENT OF CIEC RESULTS AND JOINING IN SPECIAL

ACTION PROGRAM (PARA 2): EXCEPT FOR FINLAND, WHICH SAID IT HAD NO PROBLEM WITH LANGUAGE ON SPECIAL ACTION, CIEC NON-PARTICIPANTS GENERALLY INDICATED DIFFICULTIES WITH BOTH ASPECTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH. CONSENSUS WAS THAT ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO SOFTEN LANGUAGE AND MAKE IT ACCEPTABLE TO ALL, WITH RECOGNITION THAT TOO MUCH SOFTENING WOULD GUT DECLARATION AND WEAKEN RATIONALE FOR HAVING IT. SWEDEN SAID IT WISHED TO HAVE FACT THAT CIEC WAS ONLY A PARTIAL SUCCESS REFLECTED IN TEXT.

3. ENERGY AND OTHER DC INTERESTS: GERMANY, WITH SUPPORT FROM AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, AND AUSTRALIA, SUGGESTED ADDING SENTENCE TO ENERGY SECTION (PARA 6) EXPRESSING REGRET THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH LDC'S ON SOME IMPORTANT AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. UK THOUGHT IT INADVISABLE TO DRAW ATTENTION TO DC CIEC DEFEAT ON ENERGY DIALOGUE ISSUE OR EMPHASIZE CONTINUED INTEREST IN THIS, AS IT COULD DRAW FORTH ADDITIONAL G-77 DEMANDS. BELGIUM URGED TONE OF TEXT BE MADE TO SOUND LESS DEFENSIVE AND INCLUDE REFERENCE TO EFFORTS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY DC'S, MODEST AND LEGITIMATE DEMANDS DC'S HAVE IN AREAS OF ENERGY AND INVESTMENT, AND NEED FOR SELF-HELP BY LDC'S.

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4. CONTINUATION OF DIALOGUE IN UN: SWEDEN AND FINLAND WISHED PARA 3 TO REFLECT ROLE OF UN (FOR EXAMPLE AS IN PARA 11 OF CIEC FINAL REPORT) RATHER THAN JUST MENTION "APPROPRIATE FORA." FINLAND WANTED UN MENTIONED IN CONNECTION WITH ENERGY AS WELL (PARA 6). GERMANS AND AUSTRIANS ARGUED OECD DECLARATION NEED NOT REFER TO SPECIFIC OTHER FORUMS.

5. INCREASED AID: THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO THE DAC IN PARA 9. SPAIN, NEW ZEALAND, AND AUSTRALIA INDICATED FIRST SENTENCE MIGHT NEED SOME QUALIFICATION TO COVER THEIR POSITIONS.

6. LANGUAGE AND ORGANIZATION: FINLAND AND NORWAY INDICATED PREFERENCE FOR LEANING TOWARD LDC'S BY USING LANGUAGE LIKE "RESTRUCTURING" AND "INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER." OTHERS FAVORED RETAINING PRESENT LANGUAGE ON GROUNDS THAT DECLARATION SHOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REFLECT OECD AND NOT LDC APPROACH. U.S. SUGGESTED SOME FURTHER ATTENTION TO LOGICAL ORDERING OF TEXT TO MAKE SURE PROGRESSION OF THOUGHT WAS CLEAR.
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